

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Claims 17-23 are withdrawn as non-elected, without prejudice to their presentation in an appropriate manner such as in a divisional application.

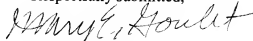
5 In response to the restriction requirement dated January 8, 2009, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-16.

Please proceed to examination on the merits.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for  
10 such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

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